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COUNCIL REJECTS BIDS FOR LIGHTING FRANCHISE

Accepts Neither Proposition After Contract Had Been Further Modified and Local Concern Had Raised Bid A Fraction--To Advertise Again.

City council last night rejected both bids for the lighting and power franchise in Hickory and decided to advertise for new bids. The best offer was from the A. A. Shuford Mill Company, Mr. G. H. Geitner, the president, raising his from one-half of one per cent to three-fourths of one per cent of the gross annual receipts after the franchise had been modified so as to be acceptable to both bidders. Mr. Z. V. Taylor, president of the Southern Public Utilities Company, declined to increase his offer from one-half of one per cent, and both bids, as was stated, were rejected by a unanimous vote of council.

Although the form of the franchise had been gone into by the interested parties at the session Tuesday night and an informal conference yesterday morning, and dissected more or less, there was still enough in it to cause Mr. Taylor to raise a few points. The only hitch of any consequence, however, was over the question of installing the white way system, Mr. Taylor insisting that if he signed a contract to put in the white way without entering into an understanding as to the "reasonableness" of the rates the city was to pay for juice, then he could be forced to take what the city would give or allow his system to rot in the ground. So this was fixed so as to enable the city and the successful bidder to contract on the rates, but not before it was specified that the white way must be installed.

Mr. J. D. Elliott, during the discussion on this point, told council and the bidders that the city undoubtedly would get lower rates for its current than citizens generally. So the question of reference to the schedule to rates to obtain was omitted by agreement.

President Geitner asked a number of questions as to the expiration of the present franchise, as to what was expected of the successful bidder, and later increased his bid to three-fourths of one per cent.

Some "Friendly" Advice. President Taylor offered council some friendly advice, he said. This was to make the contract as simple as possible and to reserve every right of regulation and supervision for the city. He said that was the best form of contract for any city. Turning to President Geitner, the president of the Charlotte company told him in the event his company secured the franchise never to fight the city, always to keep out of court and always to throw himself on the mercy of council. His long experience had made him wise, he said.

The crowd enjoyed Mr. Taylor's discourse. The motion to reject all bids was made by Councilman Rudisill and seconded by Councilman Abernethy, and the vote was unanimous.

REV. A. L. CROUSE DIES IN CHARLOTTESVILLE

News was received in the city today of the death in Charlottesville, Va., yesterday afternoon at 3:30 of the Rev. A. L. Crouse, formerly pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran church three miles from Hickory, and well known and beloved throughout this entire section. Mr. Crouse was aged 66 years, four months and 21 days, and is survived by two children, Mr. Carl Crouse and Miss Lula Crouse.

The remains will arrive in Hickory tomorrow morning on No. 15 and will be taken to Christ Evangelical Lutheran church, where they will lie in state until 10:30, when the funeral will be held from St. Stephen's Lutheran church. Rev. H. B. Hemmett will conduct the services.

Mr. Crouse was pastor of St. Stephen's church here for 18 years and during his long residence in this section won a warm place in the hearts not only of the members of his congregation, but of the community at large. He accepted a call to Charlottesville, Va., eight years ago, and had been serving there until his last illness. The news of his death will bring sorrow into many a heart.

ALL QUIET IN HAITI.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 14.—Reports to the navy department that conditions in Haiti are quiet and that the natives are disarming. A detachment of marines was said to have marched through the country, and met with no opposition.

CARRIERS WORK FOR GOLD WATCH

Record carriers are contesting for the handsome gold watch to be awarded to that youngster who does the best work during the month of October in securing new subscribers and making collections. The watch is on display at the Geo. E. Bisanar jewelry store, and already has attracted attention. Some of the boys have not made a good start yet, but there is plenty of time. The following table shows the number of points scored to date:

Name	Points
William Ballew	1,059
Stewart Whitener	865
John Wise	762
Earl Price	301
Guy Alexander	265
John Springs	215
Harvey Wilfong	210
Summie Whitener	195
Robert Howell	170
Clemory Browder	120
Garnett Mitchell	30

SELECTING JURY IN NEW HAVEN AFFAIR

(By Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 14.—The work of selecting a jury to try William Rockefeller, Lewis Cass Lidyard, Edward B. Robbins and eight other directors, past and present, of the New York & New Haven Railroad charged with attempting to monopolize the traffic, was resumed here today. It was believed that the original panel would be depleted before twelve satisfactory men could be found. DeLancey Nichols continued the examination of takersmen for the defendants.

JAPAN MAY RECOGNIZE GENERAL CARRANZA

(By Associated Press.) Tokio, Oct. 14.—At a cabinet meeting today the foreign minister, Baron Ishii, former ambassador to France, made a report on the situation in the Balkans and on the other war fronts.

The Japanese government has withdrawn its consul in Mexico and probably will recognize the Carranza government.

FIVE HUNDRED TO GO UNDER CIVIL SERVICE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 14.—Commissioner Osborne of the internal revenue bureau today announced that about 500 revenue agents, inspectors and deputy agents appointed under the income tax law had been converted into the civil service and that appointments in this service in future would come under civil service rules.

BRITAIN TO WAIT.

(By Associated Press.) London, Oct. 14.—Great Britain will await final action by the United States in reference to recognition of General Carranza before deciding on its attitude. The government will defer consideration of the question for the present, as the American government has not yet granted recognition.

"I tell you our candidate would be an ornament to the bench."

"That's a poor argument these days. Ornaments are not so much in demand as they were." — Louisville Courier-Journal.

ASPHYXIATING BOMBS ARE USED

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Oct. 14.—There has been a particularly violent artillery engagement in the Artois district, in which both sides took part, the French war office announced today.

There also has been active trench fighting in the vicinity of Lihons. In the Champagne district the Germans have been throwing asphyxiating bombs on the French rear guards. The German attacks on Téhure have been repulsed by the French fire.

In the Lorraine heavy fighting in which both sides took part is reported.

GARRISON'S ARMY PLAN APPROVED BY WILSON

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 14.—President Wilson today approved Secretary Garrison's plan for increasing the army. It calls for annual appropriation of \$182,000,000, an increase of \$65,000,000 over the present expenditure.

The plan will be submitted to congress and energetically pushed.

Much of the increase in the appropriation would be devoted to coast defenses and field artilleries. Much of the details have not yet been made public. If the navy, which will ask for an increase of \$100,000,000, carries through its plan, making its appropriation \$240,000,000, total appropriation for the army and navy will be \$430,000,000. It is believed that the estimates will be reduced to \$400,000,000.

The president spent the morning going over Secretary Garrison's plan, which is understood to propose an increase of 30,000 to 40,000 men and a reserve to be created to secure enlistments for short terms. The plan also has received the support of the national guard, whose officers will be allowed to use the West Point military academy.

After consultation the president laid the plans before the chairman of the house army committee, and later will lay it before the senate committee. It is expected that senate and house leaders will approve the plans.

It is proposed to increase the number of submarines and aeroplanes.

ASKS PROTECTION FOR AMERICAN MINES

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 14.—William Loeb, Jr., representing American smelting interests in Chihuahua, Mexico, appealed to the state department today to stop the threatened confiscation of the plant there by Villa. The department has appealed to Carranza. Villa had promised not to disturb American property in Chihuahua.

SAYS BRITISH ATTACK IN FRANCE REPULSED

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Oct. 14.—A general British attack almost over the whole front from Ypres to Loos is reported in the official statement today from the war office. All attacks were repulsed.

READING HONORED

Washington, Oct. 15.—For the third time in the memory of court officials, a foreign jurist today had the honor of sitting with the supreme court of the United States. The visitor was Baron Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England, in America as chairman of the Anglo-French finance commission. So far as is recalled here, the distinction shown Baron Reading has been accorded only twice before—to Lord Coleridge when lord chief justice of England, in 1883, and Lord Herschell, British lord high chancellor in 1899.

URGES ENGLISH WOMEN TO WED BROKEN HEROES

London, Oct. 14.—To aid the war maimed, Rev. Ernest Houghton, a Bristol rector, appealed to patriotic women to start a "league for marrying broken heroes."

UNITED STATES BREWERS SEE THE END

(By Associated Press.) Springfield, Mass., Oct. 14.—The United States Brewers' Association, whose members are said to produce over seventy-five per cent of the malt liquors in the United States, began its fifty-fifth annual convention here today.

President Edward A. Schmidt in his address declared that the brewers, as well as outside reformers, were striving to correct the evils of the saloon, and intimated that some radical reforms might be expected.

He said, in part: "For many years the educational work of our association was hampered by the lack of a constructive policy, which, however, was impossible until practically all our own people had reached the point of conviction in regard to the necessity of saloon reform and of rigid law observance."

"We have at last come to fairly general agreement as to what constitutes a good licensing system, and have established in our own minds, certain definite principles which should govern the conduct of the retail trade. Of course, the local application of these principles involves many perplexing and complex problems, which will take time to work out, and will undoubtedly involve some serious sacrifices."

In this connection I want to stress your active interest and co-operation in the work of the co-operative committee of the licensed trade engaged in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors, which is endeavoring to build up the local retail organizations, so that every reputable man in the saloon trade may be enrolled as a member of his local organization. One of the main objects of this movement is to bring the reputable men in the retail business together, so that their opinions may be made potent in correcting any of the abuses that have crept into the business."

"The co-operative committee, representing the national organizations of the brewers, the wholesalers and the retailers, have agreed that licensing out of the war—the arms and munitions manufacturers, the steel industry and the automobile manufacturers—rather than by those whose business has suffered through the war."

In France and Germany.

"Perhaps the most important and far-reaching suggestion made by the co-operative committee, is that the trade should encourage the establishment of public family resorts in which all kinds of refreshments shall be dispensed, and in which the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be no more emphasized than any other beverages, conforming to the type of continental beer hall and restaurant, familiar to the American traveler. In the French restaurant or the German beer garden, one sees whole families sitting together at a table, sipping their beer, their diluted wine or their coffee, enjoying good music, eating their simple fare and talking together in peace and harmony."

"In England a body of noted men have organized what is known as the Public House Trust, which is dealing with the temperance and licensing problems upon common sense business lines. Their standpoint is that the licensed house is a practical necessity, and that it ought always to be a place to which all classes, and all the people can resort without reproach. This organization has secured the control of some 300 licensed houses, where during the past ten years it has been computed that more than 11,000,000 persons have been served, and not a single prosecution for drunkenness or any other evil has resulted."

"I appeal to you," said the president in closing, "to make it your personal business to see that such reforms are undertaken and carried out, and to accept willingly your own share in the loss that these reforms may, and will necessarily involve—temporary though they may be—both because they are putting the industry on all fours with the welfare of the community."

PAY-UP WEEK

The Hickory Merchants Association going ahead with plans for Pay-Up Week to be held here some time in the near future. A new rating book will be issued and it is hoped that every person who does his trading in Hickory will be given a good mark in the book. The date will be announced later.

Money for Other Countries.

The mints of the United States do a good deal of business of which the public at large know little or nothing. We not only manufacture metal money for our own use, but we make coins by the millions for other countries. Every now and then we get an order from some Latin American country for a supply of metal coins.

ITALY MAY HELP IN BALKIN AFFAIR

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Oct. 14.—Premier Viviani announced to the senate today that Italy probably would take part in the Balkan operations.

RUSSIA TO HELP

(By Associated Press.) London, Oct. 14.—Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, announced in the house of commons today that the co-operation of Russian troops in the Balkan operations had been promised and that the troops would be landed as soon as they could be spared from Russia.

BREWERS COMPLAIN OF TAX ON BEER

(By Associated Press.) Springfield, Mass., Oct. 14.—The views of the United States Brewers Association on the extra war tax were set forth in the report of the trustees before today's session of the convention of that association here.

The report points out that while the brewers have been heavy losers on account of war conditions and because of the constant menace to its business, it also bears the heaviest burden of war taxation "while other industries, that grow fat on war contracts, escape entirely."

"Beer has been compelled to bear a war taxation out of all proportion to its relation to industry," says the report. "The increased beer tax of 50 cents per barrel (making the present tax \$1.50 per barrel) will expire by limitation next December. When this extra tax was imposed, the brewers submitted to it with the feeling that there was an emergent need for it. The burden is, however, a grievous one, particularly in these hard times, and there should be no renewal of the extra tax until the government has exhausted other means of obtaining the additional revenue. It would seem most fitting that the heaviest burden of taxation should be borne by those who are making millions out of the war—the arms and munitions manufacturers, the steel industry and the automobile manufacturers—rather than by those whose business has suffered through the war."

HOKE SMITH TALKS ON HOUGH'S DECISION

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Oct. 14.—Senator Hoke Smith, in a statement on the decision of Federal Judge Hough holding unconstitutional the Smith-Lever cotton futures bill, declared today that it is hardly probable that the court holds that the bill falls within the requirements of the constitution which requires that tax measures must originate in the house.

"The senate passed a cotton exchange bill," said Senator Smith, "but the house laid away the senate bill and passed a substitute. The taxing feature originated almost entirely in the house."

"If the present law is successfully attacked, a substitute will be drawn covering the contract, will, in my opinion, be quickly passed when congress meets."

CORNISH MAY LOSE THE SUMMER CAPITAL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 14.—President Wilson probably will not return to Cornish next summer. He is considering transferring the "summer capital" to the New Jersey coast.

He is being urged to make the change in order to be close to the center of political activity next year.

She Wasn't That Kind of a Girl. A young college student, full of new wisdom, was discussing a topic with a maid recently arrived in his home, relates Judge.

"I held your attitude once," said the student after a short pause.

"My attitude?" exclaimed the maid and drawing herself up to her full height, indignantly added, "You did not."

A substitute for absorbent cotton is made in Germany from pure pine cellulose.

A large, healthy pigeon seated on the minute hand of the Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) town clock caused the mayor to miss his train by 20 minutes on a recent day.

LONDON IS UNEASY OVER LACK OF DEFINITE NEWS

Dispute in Paris and Silence of Italy Intensify Feeling--Russians Seem to Have Upper Hand Once More--Serbia Fights Hard.

EXTRA COACH ON C. & N. W. DERAILED

That one misfortune generally follows another was demonstrated today when the extra coach on the C. & N. W. passenger train, bound for Chester, ran off the rails in the local yards here and was damaged slightly before the train was stopped. It was the second accident of the week and, like the first, did not result in any injuries.

The coach was dragged along on the cross-ties and ground for a distance of 60 to 75 yards. At one point the rear wheels on the left side of the extra coach got a hold on another rail and pulled it over so that the wheels could run on it for ten or fifteen yards. The rear platform being smashed and the truck displaced.

The accident was the result of a drawn spike near the switch, which was not tightly closed and the rear coach jumped it at this point. After the train was brought to a stop, the coach was left almost diagonally across the track on which it was supposed to run. Workmen promptly jacked the car up, the regular train was detached, and there was not much loss of time by the passenger train.

ZEPPELIN RAID RESULTS IN 40 DEAD

(By Associated Press.) London, Oct. 14.—Forty-one persons were killed and 101 injured in a Zeppelin raid over London last night.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 14.—War shares and kindred specialties, mainly those comprising the automobile groups, were those comprising the early market. Willis Overland made a new high record at 253. Maxwell first and second preferred broke into new ground on overnight advances. Other strong advances were Lackawanna Steel, American Woolen, American Car and Continental Calf. Newly listed securities included Burns Brothers.

NEW YORK COTTON

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 14.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of eight to ten points today, with December and January selling on the call. There was some selling on the curb with the announcement that the cotton futures law had been declared unconstitutional. It was reported that the government will carry the case to the supreme court, but the board of managers of the cotton exchange said there would be no changes in their rules. Considerable cotton was offered for sale.

COTTON FUTURES

	Open	Close
December	12.71	12.52
January	12.89	12.68
March	13.08	13.04
May	13.26	13.06

MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Oct. 14.—The laymen's missionary movement today opened its campaign interest in missionary affairs with a large attendance. There was a big attendance from all over the world. The campaign is to culminate in Washington with an international meeting in April, 1916.

(By Associated Press.) London, Oct. 14.—Increasing uneasiness is felt in London at the absence of definite news concerning the allied attack in the Balkans. This feeling is intensified by news of the dispute in the French chamber of deputies, by Italy's persistent silence regarding participation in the expedition and by uncertainty regarding the British program.

Opinion here is divided to some extent regarding participation in the Balkan conflict, though opinion is general that Great Britain is morally bound to aid Serbia if it can be done without endangering the success of the other operations.

Having failed in their attack on the British positions, the Germans have turned and made a general attack on Téhure and made slight gains. These are not sufficient to worry the allies.

On the eastern front the Russians are now in full possession of the initiative and the momentum which carried them across the Stripa has not yet diminished. It is reported unofficially from Petrograd that it is now the Germans who lack ammunition, thus reversing the condition of two months ago.

Russians Return. While gaining in one sector, near Dvinsk and losing in another the German troops, it is asserted from Petrograd, are three miles farther from the city than they were a week ago. Officials who moved from Dvinsk and Riga a week ago are not returning.

Serbia's Fate. The Austrians and Germans are reporting progress in Serbia, but the invasion is being impeded. No encounter of great strategic importance has been fought in this new theatre. Serbia is striving to stem the invasion of the large Austro-German forces, and it is believed that serious resistance will be offered when the mountains are reached. The Serbians are waiting a Bulgarian attack near the Greek border. They expect that an attempt will be made to cut at this point the railroad between Nish and Saloniki, and have concentrated artillery there.

Waiting and Watching. Pending final announcement of Italy's plans, the allies are closely watching developments in the internal situation in Bulgaria, where many of the people are averse to fighting against the allies, particularly Russia. It was reported from Paris that General Savoff former Bulgarian minister of war and former commander-in-chief of the Bulgarian army, resigned his command rather than fight against Russia. It is thought that the landing of Russians in Bulgaria might result in a change in the policy of that country even thus late in the day.

There is little or no change on the western front, the fighting again being for the trenches, with fluctuating success. The allies maintain all their larger gains and are pressing the Germans in Flanders and Champagne.

In the east the Russians have won an important victory in Galicia routing three Austro-German divisions on the Stripa river. In the north they have pushed Field Marshal von Hindenburg several miles farther west of Dvinsk and are again approaching the Dvinsk-Vila railway.

The activity of the British submarines in the Baltic continues and Germany is now conveying her steamers to and from Sweden.

MARTIAL LAW AT THE HAGUE PROCLAIMED

(By Associated Press.) The Hague, Oct. 14.—Martial law in a modified form was proclaimed here today. The proclamation announcing that The Hague was placed under a minor state of martial law was placarded this morning. The measure will affect natives only.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Local showers tonight, cooler west portion. Friday partly cloudy; gentle to moderate east winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

	1915	1914
October 13.—	76	74
Maximum	76	61
Minimum	50	61
Mean	63	57½